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SUBJECT: MEETING OF US-USSR JOINT COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION
IN AGRICULTURE

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1. ACTING AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE MET OCTOBER 29 WITH MINAG OFFICIALS, KHARCHENKO, CHIZHOV, AND BRUSOV TO RELAY CONTENTS REFTEL.
2. SOVIET OFFICIALS AGAIN EXPRESSED CONCERN LACK USDA PROJECT LIST AT THIS LATE DATE.
3. "SHORT VERSION" SOVIET PROPOSALS, ACCORDING SOVIET OFFICIALS, WAS NOT PLANNED REPEAT NOT PLANNED AND THEREFORE WILL NOT BE FORTHCOMING. ACCORDING CHIZHOV, THIS WAS MISUNDERSTANDING.
4. USDA DRAFT OF RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR JOINT COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUPS AND DRAFT AGENDA FOR JOINT COMMITTEE RECEIVED MINAG TODAY. DOCUMENTS BEING TRANSLATED THEREFORE SOVIET OFFICIALS NOT YET ABLE GIVE REACTION.
5. IN ORDER WRAP UP ADMINISTRATIVE WORK, MEETING ADVANCE GROUP WITH SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES SCHEDULED 11:00 HOURS SUNDAY,

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NOVEMBER 11. TO RECONCILE US-USSR PROJECT LISTS, SOVIETS

PROPOSE MEETING 10:00 HOURS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, WITH ADVANCE GROUP AND DELEGATES ARRIVING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 (WEST, KOVNER, BARKET, HODGSON, GERRITS, BARROWS, HAIDACHER, AND STOLTE).

6. FOLLOWING SOVIET PROPOSED DAILY SCHEDULE: MEET 10:00 HOURS TO 13:30 HOURS; LUNCH BREAK 13:30 HOURS TO 15:00 HOURS; RECONVENE 15:00 TO 18:00.

7. FOLLOWING SOVIET PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR FIRST SESSION JOINT US-USSR COMMITTEE, NOVEMBER 13-15:

NOVEMBER 13 - 10:00 HOURS

(A) OPENING OF JOINT SESSION.

(B) WORKING GROUPS SEPARATE.

NOVEMBER 14

(A) WORKING GROUPS CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS PER SCHEDULE

PARAGRAPH SIX ABOVE.

NOVEMBER 15

(A) MORNING - WORKING GROUPS CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS.

(B) AFTERNOON - JOINT US-USSR COMMITTEE MEETS TO

"APPROVE MINUTES OF FIRST SESSION."

8. MINAG AGREED PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR DELEGATION (I.E., AIRPORT-HOTEL; HOTEL-MEETINGS; AND OTHER GROUP TRANSPORTATION) DURING MOSCOW VISIT (EXCEPT FOR NOVEMBER 9, SEE PARAGRAPH 10 BELOW) PROVIDED U.S. RECIPROCATES WHEN JOINT COMMITTEE MEETS IN WASHINGTON. SHOULD ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION BE REQUIRED, EMBASSY GSO ADVISES UNABLE PROVIDE AND RECOMMENDS USDA AUTHORIZE HIRE OF LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION AND FUND CITATION BY CABLE.

9. MINAG ARRANGING HOTEL. CAN NOT GUARANTEE SINGLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR ENTIRE DELEGATION.

10. MINAG OFFICIAL ADVISED NOVEMBER 7, 8, 9 AND 10 OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT HOLIDAYS AND NO REPEAT NO BUSINESS CONDUCTED THESE DAYS.

11. ACTING AGATTACHE WILL MEET MINAG OFFICIALS AGAIN NOVEMBER 5 TO FURTHER COORDINATE VISIT.

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